

GROUP TOUR

TOUR CODE: FRSL5

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ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

BEST OF SRI LANKA – RAMAYANA TRAILS

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS



Countries Covered:

- Srilanka

Cities Covered:

- Dambulla, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Bentota, Colombo

Highlights

- Visit to Shankari Devi Shakthi Peetam. Special Archana for Southern Group
- Visit to Sita Amman Temple,
- Visit to Panchamuga Anjaneyar Temple Colombo
- All Meals (As per itinerary)
- Complimentary gift Travel Bag Per Room from Southern



Daywise Program

Day 01: Arrive – Colombo Transfer to - Dambulla

Welcome to your Southern Travels Best of Sri Lanka-Ramayana Trails tour Summer Season. On arrival in Sri Lanka, you will be met by your Southern Travel tour Manager will welcome you and take you to your hotel at Dambulla. Sri Lanka, Lying just off the south-east coast of India, with its southern tip barely 30km from the equator this is a tropical island that for centuries has attracted the covetous gazes of people from all over the world. Rightly it deserves its earlier appellation as "pearl of the orient". Visit to Manavari. Manavari is the first place where Lord Rama installed and prayed the Siva lingam after the end of the war with King Ravana. To date this lingam is called as Ramalinga Shivan. Rameshwaram is the only other lingam in the world named after Lord Rama. In route Visit to Muneeshwaram Lord Rama after his victorious battle left for Ayodhya in one of King Ravana's vimana's. He felt he was being followed by bramhaasthi dosham as he had killed King Ravana who was a Brahmin. He stoped the vimana at this juncture because he felt at this place the "Brahmaasthi Dosham" was not following him. He ascended from the vimana and asked God Shiva for a remedy. God Shiva blessed Lord Rama and advised him installing and praying four lingams at Manavari, Thiru Koneshwaram, Thiru Ketheshwaram and Rameshwaram in India, as the only remedy to get rid of the dosham.

Overnight Stay at Dambulla .

Meal: Indian Lunch, Indian Dinner

Day 2: Dambulla – Trincomalee Visit to Shankari Devi Shakthi Peetam (Special Archana for Southern Group) .

After Breakfast proceed to Trincomalee . Trincomalee, the city which houses one of the best natural deep-water ports in the world, visit to Shankari Devi shakthi peetam. The original Shankari Devi temple, said to be built by Ravana, was the first in the list of Ashta Dasha (18) Shakti Pitas written down by Adi Shankara. Shankari Devi temple in Trincomalee, will have Archana for the southern travel group (Please note Archana will be arranged by southern Travel provided we reach during the Pooja ceremony only). Srilanka is a prominent temple for Hindus. It is the place where "Groin" part of the sati fallen .Head towards the classical-medieval Hindu temple 'Koneswaram' which blazes a subtle sense of Dravidian architecture afterword's proceed to the Bhadrakali Amman Temple dedicated to the goddess Kali. Afternoon proceed to Kandy in route visit to The Golden temple at Dambulla

Kandy was the last capital of the Sri Lankan kings and is a World Heritage Site. The name "Kandy" conjures visions of splendor and magnificence. Many of the legends, traditions and folklore are still lovingly kept alive. Drive around the Kandy lake built by the last Sinhala king, Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe in 1798. Visit the Kandy town and bazaar, the arts and crafts center. Overnight stay at Kandy.

Meal: Continental Breakfast, Indian Lunch, Indian Dinner

Day 3: Kandy - Sita Amman Temple, Divurumpola Temple, The Hanuman Temple, - Nuwara Eliya

After Breakfast Visit to the Sri Dalada Maligawa or the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic is a Buddhist temple in the city of Kandy. Proceed to the Hunuman Temple (Sri Bhakta Hanuman Temple). On these hills of Ramboda where Hanuman was searching for Sitadevi, Chinmaya mission of Sri Lanka built a temple with Hanuman as the presiding deity. Proceed to The Sita Amman temple. The temple is situated in Ashok Vatika/Vanam)

according to tradition, the site is associated with Sita of the Ramayana epic. Ancient statues of Rama and Sita can be seen on a side of the temple. The temple seen today is a modern building with its paintings, statues and pillars decorated with sculptures, all depicting the tale of Rama and Sita.

The Ashok Vatika was one of the pleasure gardens of King Ravana of the well-known epic Ramayanaya. This is the exotic pleasure garden where king Ravana kept the depressed Sita, insisting that she marry him. It was here where the heart-warming meeting took place between her and Hanuman, who brought her Rama's ring with the news that Rama was looking for her. He offered to carry her back but she refused saying it would be an insult to Rama's honour if he did so. Part of this majestic garden still exists. Have Darshan of Hanuman Foot Print It is believed that when Hanuman left from India to Sri Lanka, he landed at this spot. The force of his impact on ground was so great that it left an imprint of his feet on the solid ground. There after proceed to visit Divurumpola temple. Although this Vihara is said to be established in the 6th A.D. Polonnaruwa period it has a long history among people of having been started in the time of Rama, Rawana and Sita. Still revered by thousands, this holy haven was the place where Sita performed her Agni Pariksha (proving her chastity) to her husband Rama.

Continuing the practice for over thousands of years, villagers still pledge their fidelity or take oaths there and even in certain courts, this agreement was binding. Since that time this place has been respected and worshiped by people down the ages. Furthermore it is said that this place was given the name "Divurumpola" or the place of making a vow. Not only in legends but this name has been inscribed in the moonstone guarding the Devale in the premises. Overnight stay at Nuwara Eliya.

Meal: Continental Breakfast, Indian Lunch, Indian Dinner

Day 4: Nuwara Eliya-Bentota

Breakfast at the hotel. En route cover Devon waterfalls, St Clair waterfall & kitulgala Water rafting.(Optional)

Check In to the hotel and relax.

Overnight in Bentota.

Meal: Continental Breakfast, Indian Lunch, Indian Dinner

Day 5: Bentota - Colombo

Breakfast at the hotel. Later proceed for Colombo.

After that Proceed to Colombo. Visit Panchamuga Anjaneyar Temple.

Panchamuga Anjaneyar Temple is the only Temple in the world to have a chariot for Anjaneyar.

Hanuman's mother is Anjan. Hanuman is known as Anjan + Aiya = Anjaneyar in South India (Hanuman in North India).

Explore the City of Colombo. The city tour of Colombo a drive through the city taking you to the busy commercial areas as well as the tree lined residential, Cinnamon Gardens, Visit Fort, the former British administrative centre and military garrison, Sea Street - the Goldsmiths quarters in the heart of Pettah, the Bazaar area, where is also a Hindu Temple with elaborate stone carvings, and the Dutch Church of Wolfendhal dating back to 1749.

Also visit the BMICH, see the replica of Avukana Buddha & the Independence Square.

Check into the hotel & relax

Overnight Stay at Colombo Hotel.

Meal: Continental Breakfast, Indian Lunch, Indian Dinner

Day 6: Return Home with Wonderful Memories

After breakfast we drive you to the airport for your flight back to home. It's time to say goodbye to all the new friends you have made. We hope you take back many happy memories of your holiday. We would like you to spare a few minutes of your time to write and tell us how you enjoyed your holiday and any suggestions you may have for the future. Please do give us your valuable feedback on

Hotels Proposed:

- 01 night stay at Nice Palace Dambulla or Similar, Dambulla
- 01 night stay at Hotel Devon / Hotel Cassamara or Similar, Kandy
- 01 night stay at Ashford Hotel or Similar, Nuwara Eliya
- 01 night stay at Hibiscus Beach Hotel / Joes Bentota or Similar, Bentota
- 01 night stay at Best Western / Berjaya Hotel or Similar, Colombo



Sightseeing & Excursion:

- Visit to Manavari
- Visit to Shankari Devi Shakthi Peetam Special Archana for Southern Group
- Visit to Divurumpola Temple (The Hanuman Temple)
- Visit to Sita Amman Temple,
- Visit to Panchamuga Anjaneyar Temple Colombo

Meals:

- 05 Continental breakfast at hotel
- 05 Dinners at the Hotel
- 05 Lunches at restaurants



Inclusions:

- Cost of your Round Trip Economy Class Airfare with Taxes.
- Sri Lanka Visa.
- Accommodation at the hotels mentioned on price grid.
- Services of Southern Tour Manager or Local Representative.
- Cost of your overseas travel insurance policy valid for the duration of the tour covered up to the age of 69 years.
- Daily continental breakfast and Indian meals as mentioned in itinerary with a local variation occasionally, sightseeing and surface transportation as mentioned in the itinerary.
- All transfer & Sightseeing as mentioned in itinerary by AC Coach (Entrance fee not Included)
Complimentary gift Travel Bag, Per room from Southern

Exclusions:

- GST @ 5% payable extra
- All entrance fees / Boat Ride / Jeep Safari costs.
- TCS as per Govt norms payable extra
- Passport Charges.
- Cost of Optional Add-On tours unless mentioned otherwise.
- Any increase in the airfare / taxes/routing charged by the airlines on your ticket (presently calculated as June 2024)
- Any increase in the rate of USD (presently calculated at USD 1 = INR 85) leading to an increase in the cost of the tour, which may come into effect prior to departure. However the rate on the given day of the payment will apply.
- Cost of extension of validity of your air ticket.
- Any increase / surcharges on the tour cost / airline owing to High Season, Trade Fairs, Exhibitions, Conventions, Special Events etc.
- Porterage at hotels, apartment, airports and seaports, tips, insurance, laundry, wines, mineral water, telephone charges and all items of personal nature and also food drinks not forming part of the group menus.
- Anything not specifically mentioned in Tour Price Includes box.
- Passenger above the age of 69 years required to submit an ECG and fasting blood sugar report and a form to be filled by an MD Doctor (Which is not more than 30Day old).

Visa:

- Cost of visas including documentation and processing fees as of June 2024. Any further increase in the same has to be borne by the passengers.
- To proceed with visa, we required 2 photographs per person per visa (35mm*45mm matt finish white background 80% face exposur)
- For detailed supporting documents please be in touch with our representative at respective offices

Tour Requirements:

- Your passport validity duration should be 6 months from the date of arrival in India
- Hand written passport are not valid for Travel
- For this package you must be in possession of Srilanka Visa

Weather:

- For detailed Information about weather kindly visit www.accuweather.com

Things to carry:

- Mobile phone with appropriate sim card or International roaming.
- Along with your necessary clothing and toiletries carry sun screen lotion, hand sanitizer, sun glasses, cap, sports shoes, umbrella / windcheater, camera etc. and woolens if needed.
- If you are on any medication, carry sufficient stock of the medicines with prescription.

Shopping:

- Clothing, Perfume, Accessories, Electronics Goods etc.

Time – GMT (Hours Ahead / Behind of India):

- Same as India

Currency:

- Srilankan Rupees

Important Notes:

- The tour price mentioned is applicable based on minimum 30 passengers, travelling together on tour else an FIT supplement will be applicable with Local representative.
- A part of your tour price will be taken in USD from your LRS as per the RBI/GOI regulation.
- Subject to availability of flights passengers can book their tour directly from their city by paying an additional amount. Please check with respective sales team at the time of booking.
- *Child without bed – Is an individual under 12 years of age, sharing the room with 2 Full Paying adults and without a bed / cot.
- In a room there can be maximum of 3 adults. As a 3rd person in a triple room, most hotels use roll away beds or 2 queen size beds and the room size will be the same as a Double room.
- For Two Adults & Two Children (Both under 12 Years) rooming together, the 1st Child will have to pay “Child with Bed” price and the 2nd Child will pay “Child without Bed” price.
- Once an air ticket is issued, date change penalty cost will be applicable. Your sales officer will advise the amount at the time of making the date change.
- Overseas Travels Insurance for the duration of the tour is included in the tour price. However, any passengers who wish to extend their stay will be required to pay additional charges.
- The rights of vary, amend, withdraw or reverse any particular itinerary, departure or excursion rests entirely with the company. Due to demand in particular airline in / out points may change. Service, will however remain unchanged.
- Additional Supplements on account of fuel hikes may be applicable.
- Room in the hotel until specifically mention will be base category of room.
- Standard International Check in time 15:00 and check out time 12:00. At the hotel
- Rs.5500/- the cost of deviation per sector plus difference of airfare in case you want to deviate from the group departure dates mention on the brochures.
- We are basically travel, tour and holiday organizers only. We do not control or operate any airlines or any other mode of transport like Motor, Buses, Coaches, and Cruise etc. We also do not own or control any Hotel, transport or any other facility mentioned in the brochure. We take utmost care in selecting Restaurants / Hotels / Coaches / Vans / Boat Houses / Motels/Cruise or Places of Stay for making you're holidaying a comfortable one. We only select the Hotels/Motels or Places of Stay and do not have any control over them. Thus, we are not responsible for injury or personal harm, death or damage to personal property which may be caused by the act or default of the management or employees of any independent contractor, hotelier, airlines, coach owner/ operator, Cruise arising outside our normal selection and inspection process. It is imperative that all passengers travelling through STPL or any tours organized by STPL - abide, comply and strictly observe all the terms and conditions laid down herewith.
- Meals are pre set and a –la-carte is not possible
- On certain days packed lunches will be provided
- On some occasions you may have to join another group in Case the group does Not have adequate members.
- One Check in Bag and One Hand Bag per person is allowed due to limited space in coach
- Surcharges may be applicable on few of the above departure dates. Please contact our sales officer for information on Surcharge dates and prices

- For detailed Terms & Conditions please refer to our detailed how to book and terms and condition booklet.
- Jurisdiction: For all claims of whatever nature relating to the tours operated, marketed /Coordinated by Southern Travels Pvt. Ltd, the courts in Delhi will have exclusive Jurisdiction in the event of any differences / Dispute arising between the company and the customer.

